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Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 12:05:02 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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To: Mark Williams
CC: [redacted] Jerry Blakemore
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Mr. Williams:

Upon my return to the office, I began reviewing the materials associated with your request and preparing an additional response. During that review, I noted your request for historical invoices and contacted the relevant records custodian to determine whether those records could be collected promptly and included with our response.

Rather than delay our response pending that search, I am providing the attached correspondence at this time. Should additional responsive records be identified and received, they will be provided promptly.

Thank you,
[redacted]

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Dear Mr. Blakemore:

We write to propose resolving Request FY26-167 through mediation rather than a filing. By way of record: we filed a deliberately vendor-neutral ALPR records request on June 28, 2026. On July 14, 2026 your office produced three records, stated that UNCG "does not have any agreements with Flock specifically," and purported to close the request. But the request was never Flock-specific, and the University's own production shows it runs ALPR — it has used Rekor since a Master Subscription Agreement dated December 29, 2020, renewed for FY27 with sixteen Rekor Scout licenses at $13,680 a year.

Six vendor-neutral items remain unproduced, with no cited statutory basis: the written ALPR policy required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-183.31(a); the camera count and locations; the retention schedule; any data-sharing agreements; the list of agencies UNCG shares with; and any misuse records. We wrote on July 15 and again on July 22, neither acknowledged, and on July 29, 2026 we served a Notice of Constructive Denial on your office, setting an August 5, 2026 deadline before we pursue the remedy under § 132-9.

To date, seven constituent institutions of the sixteen-campus UNC System — Western Carolina, NC A&T, NC State, UNC Charlotte, UNC Pembroke, UNC School of the Arts, and Winston-Salem State — have produced records or begun rolling production of this same request, several after a records letter of the kind we sent UNCG. UNCG is the outlier in its own way: it produced three documents, declared it "does not have any agreements with Flock specifically," and purported to close a request that was never Flock-specific — while its own production shows it has run Rekor ALPR for more than five years, and six vendor-neutral items remain unanswered.

Rather than file, we invite the University to pre-litigation mediation under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-38.3E(a). Please confirm in writing, by Friday, August 14, 2026, whether UNCG will agree to voluntary mediation of this dispute.

If UNCG declines, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-38.3E makes mediation mandatory once an action under § 132-9 is filed, and § 132-9(c) provides for the recovery of costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. We would rather resolve the six outstanding items at a table than in a complaint. Thank you for your attention.

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Subject: Public Records Request FY26-167 — Notice of Constructive Denial

Mr. Blakemore,

I bring this to your attention because a request to your office has been improperly closed and has gone unanswered, and the response window has now expired.

On June 28, 2026 I filed public records request FY26-167, seeking records on UNC Greensboro's use of automated license-plate-reader (ALPR) technology from any vendor. On July 14, a paralegal in your office produced three Rekor documents and stated that because the University "does not have any agreements with Flock specifically," he would "consider your request closed" — in the same message reporting that he was still awaiting records from campus partners. I replied July 15 correcting the premise: the request was never limited to Flock. It expressly sought records for "any other vendor," and the documents produced confirm that the University has operated Rekor ALPR since December 29, 2020, renewed this year for sixteen Rekor Scout licenses. I renewed seven vendor-neutral items and asked for a response within ten business days. I followed up again July 22. Neither letter has been acknowledged.

That window has now closed. I treat the following items as constructively denied, and I ask that you cure that denial. None depends on the vendor, and none has been withheld with a cited statutory basis:

1. The written ALPR policy or standard operating procedure governing use, access, retention, and auditing — or a written statement that none was ever adopted. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-183.31(a) requires a law enforcement agency to adopt this policy before the system is operational. On the face of the production, UNCG has operated ALPR for more than five years.
2. The number of ALPR cameras or feeds operated by or accessible to the University, fixed and mobile — including the sixteen Rekor Scout feeds — and the locations or areas they cover.
3. The retention period for captured plate data and the schedule on which it is deleted. § 20-183.32(a) provides that this data "shall not be preserved for more than 90 days" absent a preservation request.
4. Any memoranda of understanding or data-sharing agreements with other agencies — local, state, or federal — and any participation in a statewide or nationwide lookup network.
5. The agencies with which the University shares ALPR and "hot list" data, and from which it receives it.
6. Any records of misuse, policy violation, or disciplinary action — or a written statement that none exist.

One question from my July 15 letter also remains unanswered: can any UNCG officer access another agency's ALPR network — including the Flock network operated by NC A&T, in the same city?

North Carolina law requires public records to be produced "as promptly as possible." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6(a). More than a month has passed since I filed, and purporting to close a request while responsive items remain ungathered and unanswered does not discharge the University's obligation.

Please produce the outstanding records, or a written response citing the specific statutory exemption for each item withheld, by August 5, 2026. Absent a response, I will pursue the remedy available under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-9, including an action to compel production and recovery of costs and reasonable attorneys' fees under § 132-9(c).

I remain willing to narrow or clarify any item if that speeds production.

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Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 8:11 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request of UNC Greensboro FY26-167

Drew,

I am following up on my letter of July 15 regarding request **FY26-167**. I have not received a response, or an acknowledgment that the letter reached you. I want to make sure it did not get lost.

As that letter set out, the request was never limited to Flock. The records the University produced establish that UNC Greensboro has operated a **Rekor Scout** ALPR system since December 2020, and Items 1 (in part), 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 remain outstanding as to that system. In particular, I asked the University to produce the written ALPR policy required by **N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-183.31(a)** — or, if none was adopted, to say so in writing — together with the maintenance and calibration records § 20-183.31(c) requires the agency to keep on file.

My July 15 letter requested the balance of those records, or a written explanation of any withholding and its statutory basis, **within ten business days** — a period that closes **Wednesday, July 29, 2026**. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6(a) requires production "as promptly as possible," and the University's obligation has been running since June 28.

Please confirm receipt, and let me know whether the University will produce the outstanding items by July 29 or identify, item by item, the statutory basis for any it withholds. If continued silence is the University's position, I will treat the request as constructively denied and evaluate the remedy the Public Records Act provides. I would much rather resolve it cooperatively, and remain glad to narrow anything that would speed production.

Because these records reside with the University Police Department, I would again be grateful if you would forward this to Chief Jasso.

Nothing in this correspondence waives any right, claim, or remedy.

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Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 1:29 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request of UNC Greensboro FY26-167

Drew,

Thank you for the records and for turning them around quickly once the request reached you. I appreciate that you flagged, on your own initiative, that you are still awaiting confirmation from campus partners about an updated MSA or extension.

I write because the response rests on a premise that is not in the request, and as a result most of the request remains unanswered.

I. The request was never limited to Flock

Your email states: *"UNC Greensboro does not have any agreements with Flock specifically per my understanding and as such we do not have records responsive to several sections of your request."*

The request opens as follows:

> "...records concerning your institution's use of automated license-plate-reader (ALPR) cameras, **including any provided by Flock Safety, Genetec, Motorola, or any other vendor**, whether operated by your campus police **or accessible to them through another agency's network**..."

Only **Items 6 and 7** are conditioned on Flock. **Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 apply to any ALPR vendor**, and the records you produced establish that UNC Greensboro operates an ALPR system:

- **Rekor Software Master Subscription Agreement**, Contract No. 008055, dated December 29, 2020;
- **Purchase Order P0089418** (May 14, 2026) to Rekor Recognition Systems Inc. — 16 × "Rekor Scout (1 year) Renewal," $855.00 each, **$13,680.00**, ship-to UNCG Police, 1200 W Gate City Blvd; and
- **Quote 00006651**, FY27 renewal of **16 Rekor Scout licenses**, signed by **Chief of Police Chris Jasso on May 13, 2026**.

The absence of a Flock agreement therefore resolves Item 7 and, subject to Section III below, Item 6. It does not reach the rest.

II. Item-by-item status

Item 1 — Contracts, quotes, purchase orders, renewals, any ALPR vendor. PARTIAL. Produced: the 2020 MSA, one FY27 quote, one FY27 purchase order. Not produced: any **invoices**, and any of the **renewals between FY2021 and FY2026** — roughly five years of them. You also note additional responsive records may exist. Separately, the produced files are named "4-..." and "5-...". Please confirm what documents 1, 2, and 3 are, and whether they are responsive.

Item 2 — Policy, directive, or SOP governing ALPR use, access, retention, and auditing. NOT PRODUCED. See Section III.

Item 3 — Number of ALPR cameras operated by or accessible to the institution, and locations/areas covered. NOT PRODUCED. Sixteen software licenses is not a camera count or a coverage description.

Item 4 — Retention period for captured plate data and deletion schedule. NOT PRODUCED.

Item 5 — MOUs and data-sharing agreements with other agencies, and participation in any statewide or nationwide lookup network. NOT PRODUCED.

Item 8 — Agencies with which UNCG shares ALPR data, from which it receives ALPR data, and hot-list sharing in both directions. NOT PRODUCED. Not Flock-specific.

Item 9 — Records of misuse, policy violations, or disciplinary action related to ALPR use. NOT PRODUCED. Not Flock-specific. If none exist, a written statement to that effect answers it.

No statutory basis was cited for any omission, and the response does not identify which sections it considers unanswerable. The request asked that any withholding cite the specific exemption and that all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions be produced.

III. The written policy — Item 2

UNC Greensboro is an agency of the State, and its campus police officers are empowered to conduct investigations and make arrests. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 116-40.5. UNCG Police is therefore a "law enforcement agency" under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-183.30(2), and Article 3D governs its ALPR use. Chief Jasso signed the Rekor renewal himself.

Section 20-183.31(a) provides that a law enforcement agency using an ALPR system **"must adopt a written policy governing its use before the automatic license plate reader system is operational,"** and that the policy address nine enumerated subjects, including databases used for comparison, data retention, sharing with other agencies, operator training, supervisory oversight, internal data security and access, annual or more frequent auditing and reporting to the head of the agency, and accessing data from systems the agency does not operate.

The MSA you produced is dated **December 29, 2020**. On the face of the production, UNC Greensboro has operated an ALPR system for **more than five years.** No policy was produced.

Please produce the written policy adopted under § 20-183.31(a), all versions, and records showing the date and manner of its adoption. **If no such policy has been adopted, please state that in writing.** Either answer is responsive; silence is not.

Please also produce the maintenance and calibration schedules and records § 20-183.31(c) requires the agency to keep on file.

IV. The access question — Item 6

Item 6 is conditioned on whether the institution **"operates or accesses"** a Flock Safety network. Your response addresses whether UNCG has an *agreement* with Flock. Those are different questions: an officer may hold credentials on another agency's network without the university signing anything.

So that the record is clear, please state in writing whether any UNC Greensboro police officer or employee **can access, or has accessed, an ALPR network operated by another agency — by any vendor** — including but not limited to the Greensboro Police Department, the Guilford County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina A&T State University, the N.C. SBI, or any statewide or nationwide lookup network. If the answer is yes, Items 6, 7, and 8 are live and I renew them.

V. These are outstanding items, not a new request

For the avoidance of doubt: **nothing above is a new request, and nothing restarts any period.** Every item was sought by my request of **June 28, 2026**, and the University's obligation as to each has been running since that date. The only clarification I add is the access question in Section IV, which is squarely within Item 6 as written.

If the University contends any record or field is exempt, confidential, not possessed, or not retained, please identify which category applies and cite the specific statutory basis, while producing all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions. Under § 132-6(c), a request may not be denied merely because confidential information is commingled with nonconfidential information, and the agency bears the cost of separation.

VI. The request cannot be closed

I appreciate the candor, but the request cannot be "considered closed" in the same message that reports you are awaiting confirmation from campus partners about additional responsive records — and while Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 remain unanswered as to Rekor. Please treat FY26-167 as open.

VII. Timing

The request was submitted **June 28, 2026**. Section 132-6(a) requires records be furnished "as promptly as possible." I ask for the balance of the records above, or a written explanation of any withholding and its statutory basis, **within ten (10) business days.** If a specific record cannot be produced in that period, please identify the record, the reason, and the anticipated production date.

remain available to discuss or to narrow anything that would speed production. Given that the records sought reside with the University Police Department, I would be grateful if you would forward this to Chief Jasso.

Nothing in this correspondence waives any right, claim, or remedy.

Respectfully,

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Hello Mark,

Please find attached records responsive to your public records request of UNC Greensboro, I am awaiting confirmation from our campus partners regarding any additional records such as an updated MSA or extension to the provided agreement. UNC Greensboro does not have any agreements with Flock specifically per my understanding and as such we do not have records responsive to several sections of your request.

Please let me know if you have any issues with the attached, otherwise and notwithstanding any additional responsive records being identified which I will provide as promptly as possible, I will consider your request closed at this time.

Thank you for your interest in UNC Greensboro and take care,

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Request Text for UNCG Public records request FY26-167:

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Email Address: mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com
Company: Rice Law, PLLC
Your phone number: 910-762-3854
Request Description: To the Public Records Officer / Office of General Counsel:
Pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Law (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 et seq.), I request copies of the following records concerning your institution's use of automated license-plate-reader (ALPR) cameras, including any provided by Flock Safety, Genetec, Motorola, or any other vendor, whether operated by your campus police or accessible to them through another agency's network:

1. All current contracts, quotes, purchase orders, and renewals with any ALPR vendor.
2. Any policy, directive, or standard operating procedure governing ALPR use, access, data retention, and auditing.
3. The number of ALPR cameras operated by or accessible to your institution (fixed and mobile), and the locations or areas they cover.
4. The retention period for captured plate data, and the schedule on which it is deleted.
5. Any memoranda of understanding or data-sharing agreements with other agencies — local, state, or federal (e.g., the municipal police department, the county sheriff, the N.C. SBI, ICE, CBP, other UNC System institutions) — and any participation in a statewide or nationwide lookup network.
6. If your institution operates or accesses a Flock Safety network, the following reports generated from the Flock "Insights" tab, for the most recent three complete calendar months (March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026), in native CSV or Excel format: (a) the Organization Audit — searches performed within your institution's own Flock organization; (b) the Network Audit — searches of your institution's Flock network by any agency in the Flock system; and (c) the Event Log. Each of these reports is generated on demand within the Flock platform and is not burdensome to produce.
7. Your institution's Flock network/sharing configuration — the organization sharing settings showing State Network, Nationwide Network, and Community Network participation, and any custom sharing arrangements (an export or screenshots of the sharing/organization settings will suffice).
8. The names of agencies and organizations with which your institution shares ALPR data; from which it receives ALPR data; with which it shares "hot list" information; and from which it receives "hot list" information.
9. Any records of misuse, policy violations, or disciplinary action related to ALPR use.

Please provide records electronically where available. If any portion is withheld, please cite the specific statutory exemption and produce all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions, and advise of any fees before incurring them. Thank you for your assistance.

From: Mark Williams <mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com>
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To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Subject: Fw: Follow-up — Public Records Request of

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To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Subject: Follow-up — Public Records Request of

Ms. Chappel,

I am following up on the public records request I submitted on 28 June 2026regarding its automated license plate reader (Flock/ALPR) records. As of today, I have not received the records or a response.

North Carolina's Public Records Law requires public records to be produced "as promptly as possible" (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6(a)). More than two weeks have now passed. Please let me know the current status of the request and the date by which I can expect production. If any portion is being withheld or redacted, please identify the specific statutory basis for each.

If it would speed production, I am glad to clarify or narrow the request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With all best wishes,

~Mark

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